Daily collection in the Arukutty Chowkey.

421. ✻ MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the distance between Arukutty Excise Office and Shertala Sub-treasury;

(*b*) whether the daily collection in the Arukutty Chowkey has to be remitted daily in the treasury:

(*c*) how the daily remittance is made:

(*d*) whether there is an escort while money is taken to the treasury;

(*e*) whether any allowance is given to the escort now;

(*f*) whether any allowance was given at any time before;

(*g*) if so, why that allowance was stopped subsequently:

(*h*) whether there is motor service between Shertala and Arukutty now; and

(*i*) whether it is not possible to carry the money-load in bus with bus-warrant to the escort?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*a*) 14 1/2 miles.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The collections are sent every day from the Chowkey to the Shertala Sub-Treasury, in charge of Petty Officers and peons.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes. The allowance was given for about one year during 1106 and 1107.

(*g*) For administrative reasons.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) Yes.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from Government, for how many days in a month the escort who carries money for remittance in Shertala sub-treasury, has to walk a distance of 29 miles daily?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: This has to be done every working day.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Then may I know, is it not cruel to make him walk that distance daily without any allowance?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Answer to part (f) may be perused. But I may state for the information of the member that a provision is proposed to be made in the Budget for 1116 for meeting such expenses.

Arukutty Chowkey and Alleppey Customs.

422. ✻ MR N. NARAYANA KURUP Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the working hours of the Land Customs;

(*b*) the working hours of the Arukutty Chowkey;

(*c*) the working hours of the Alleppey Customs;

(*d*) whether steam launches and canoes have to be inspected at night at Chowkeys;

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